



## News Notes

**Charity concert** – Snoop Dogg will headline a free concert to benefit Fisher House Saturday at the Waikiki Shell. People should contact their first sergeants for tickets while supplies last.

**Blood drive** – The monthly blood drive is Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the community center. For more information or to make reservations, call Senior Airman Tanya Bell at 449-0027 or email her at tanya.bell@hickam.af.mil.

**Sale** – Hickam Friends of the Library is having a summer blow-out sale. Thousands of good quality new and used books must go to make way for new inventory. The sale is Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 1711 located between the Airmen's Attic and outdoor recreation.

**Attention housing residents** – Privately contracted lawn maintenance personnel will not operate equipment in the housing area between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. It is the responsibility of the individual contracting commercial services to ensure compliance.

**New phone numbers** – The Air Force Office of Special Investigations Det. 601 has upgraded phone lines and new numbers:

Commander  
449-0114  
Superintendent  
449-0151  
Information manager  
449-0259

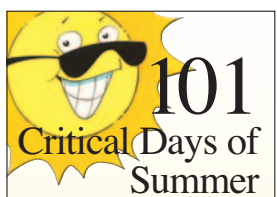
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### Jogging stroller safety

It's been noticed on Hickam that some people are not jogging with the appropriate strollers. People need to read the safety information provided with the stroller and purchase the correct stroller they intend to jog with. Visit the stroller manufacturer's Web site for more information.

# 25th ASOS members earn awards

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman  
Kukini Editor

Members from the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron were recognized for their efforts during a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Capt. Brian Crawford, Tech. Sgt. Tom Gorski, Staff Sgt. Chris Frobuccino, Senior Airmen John Dowd, Nicolas Franda, Jeffery Kennedy, Scott Snyder, and Jesse Wagnon along with Airman 1st Class Derek Buonano, earned the Team of the Month Award for October 2004. They were recognized during the 15th Airlift Wing staff meeting July 13. Senior Airman Franda also earned the Airman of the Month award for November 2004.

"The 25th ASOS was an integral part of Operations Baton Rouge II and Wolfhound Fury," said Lt. Col. Kevin

Cole, 25th ASOS commander.

During Baton Rouge II, Airmen Dowd, Franda, Snyder and Wagnon deployed with 1-14 Infantry to secure the city of Samarra.

"They controlled dozens of AC-130 Gunship sorties patrolling the river corridor, preventing insurgent escape," said Colonel Cole. "Airman Dowd also maintained the satellite radio feed to 2nd Brigade Headquarters in Kirkuk, which was the battalion's only means of communications with their higher unit."

Sergeants Frobuccino and Gorski and Airman Kennedy assisted in the assault of Al Zab and Hegnah, in conjunction with 1-27 Infantry during Wolfhound Fury.

"They controlled six close-air-support missions to provide security for soldiers kicking in the doors as well

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Courtesy photo

Members from the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron were recognized for their efforts during a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Honorable duty



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

Staff Sgt. Isidro Tabion, Hickam Honor Guard, makes the final adjustments to a folded American flag, during a full military honors funeral at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery Monday. Surrounding Sergeant Tabion left to right are 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Mayer, Airman 1st Class Evren Kozanlioglu-Ferguson and Senior Airman Lance Fowler. To find out more about the Hickam Honor Guard see B1.

## Energy conservation everyone's responsibility

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman  
Kukini Editor

The Air Staff has recently passed down some must-pay requirements to the major commands to fund. One of these is utility bills.

All of Team Hickam can assist in conserving energy and lowering the base utility expenses.

"It's important to understand that when we talk about conservation, we mean avoiding waste," said David Stiner, Hickam Energy and Water manager. "When we waste energy, we deplete a valuable resource and add pollution to our environment with no benefit. If that's not enough, energy costs a lot of money and due to ever-rising fuel costs, energy will be more."

Nobody should waste ener-

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## Star Sighting: Jasmine Trias signs autographs for DoD fans

By Christina Failma  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Hickam base exchange shoppers were treated to a surprise when they walked through the front doors July 14 – Jasmine Trias.

The American Idol 2nd runner up greeted her eager fans with nothing but smiles. She happily signed autographs and took pictures with approximately 500 fans that evening.

Among her young fans was Danielle Douglas who had been waiting in line for 45 minutes.

"I think she's really good and I want her to make more CD's," Miss Douglas said. "I hope there are more events like this."

The exchange does not often have celebrities visit Hickam.

"We have gotten, in the past, some pro-bowl players



Photo by Christina Failma

Jasmine Trias signs autographs for fans during her visit to Hickam July 14.

and some authors signing their books, but it's all been pretty seasonal," said John Lochmann, an Army and Air Force Exchange sales associate.

The AAFES management hopes to increase the number of celebrities coming to

Hickam in the future.

"We hope to do something like this once a month," said Mike Patmon, the BX sales manager. This will give BX shoppers something to look forward

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## COLA survey online

CAMP H.M. SMITH, HAWAII – U.S. Pacific Command is encouraging all uniformed service members stationed in the state of Hawaii to participate in a Cost of Living Allowance Living Pattern Survey to help determine the COLA rate for the upcoming year.

The Living Pattern survey which is conducted once every three years as required by the Department of Defense is available online from Aug. 1 through September at <http://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oscsla/lps/hawaii>.

COLA is an allowance paid to servicemembers stationed in high-cost areas overseas. Its purpose is to compensate members for differences in the cost of living between the continental United States and their assigned location outside of the continental United States.

The Living Pattern survey seeks information on where servicemembers shop and dine and how much they buy from military exchanges and commissaries.

"The last COLA survey conducted in Hawaii was in 2003. 11,072 uniform servicemembers responded out of the nearly 45,000 eligible personnel stationed here," said Eddie Fowler, U.S. Pacific Command Manpower, Personnel, and Administration Directorate. "It's in every servicemembers' interest to complete the survey to ensure the results accurately reflect the cost of living here in Hawaii."

The U.S. PACOM Manpower, Personnel, and Administration office is the lead activity for the survey.

Extensive service component, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service and N.O.A.A. support is needed to ensure the survey results are accurate.

"All uniformed service personnel in Hawaii are highly encouraged to participate," said Mr. Fowler. "The Living Pattern Survey data will affect military COLA rates one way or the other. The most important thing is that people participate."





Photo by Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman

Lead by example

Col. Scott Chesnut, 15th Airlift Wing vice commander, (left) assists Col. Bill “Goose” Changose, 15th AW commander, with his hood of the ground crew assembly as Chief Master Sgt. Jim LeVack, 15th AW command chief, looks on during their chemical warfare training last week.

Now; a perfect time to make a difference, improve base

By Col. Bill “Goose” Changose  
15th Airlift Wing commander

Each week you’ll read new names and see new faces in the Kukini and around the base. As we approach the end of the change of command and PCS season it’s a great time to take advantage of all these new sets of eyes and fresh ideas.

We all want to make Hickam a better place and our newest Sky Warriors offer the greatest opportunity for an “outside of the box” view to see when something does not look right or see where something can be improved. I ask, no I challenge, each of you to be more aware, see where improvements are needed and, most important, step up and say something. Use your chain of command, they know we’re listening. If that does not work you may always turn to my Action Line. (449-2996 or 15aw.pa@hickam.af.mil)

Also don’t forget we have the Air Force IDEA program that has helped people pocket up to \$10,000 for new and innovative ideas. Check out <https://IPDS.mont.disa.mil> or contact Hickam’s Manpower Office at 449-0601 for more information about Hickam’s IDEA program.

One person not afraid of change and taking it head on is Master Sgt. Ray Sneed, 15th Operations Support Squadron, who is currently performing duties as a first sergeant, resource advisor, squadron aviation resource management chief, and every other additional duty required for the squadron. Within the last two months he has been through all the required finance training and is executing the C-17 funding. All of this was new to him and he has put in a lot of overtime to make it happen. I salute you Ray, keep up the outstanding work.

The 25th Air Support Operations Squadron hosted 15 Air Force Academy cadets during Operation Air Force July 12. They gave them a short brief on what the 25th ASOS does and how it affects them as future officers. Plus the cadets had the chance to see the simulator and shoot the sim guns. They had a great time with all and my hat goes off to the following folks that made the visit a success: Maj. Byron Miranda, Tech. Sgt. Warren Williams, Staff Sgt. Ernest Cecil, Senior Airmen Lucas Waters, Michael Hill, Justice Stevens and Airman First Class Michael Hickey.

Team Hickam, have a great weekend, look out for each other and be safe.

Aeromedical Evac mission vital to Hickam readiness

By Capt. Russel Frantz  
Det. 1, 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron commander

Since moving to Hickam, I’ve been asked several questions about my job and my unit, Det. 1, 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

In 2003, I was a flight nurse in charge of fixed wing aeromedical evacuation operations at Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan. Without a doubt, this deployment was the most challenging, exciting, and personally gratifying thing I have done in my career. My assigned aeromedical evacuation crews in conjunction with Critical Care Air Transport Teams were responsible for moving many U.S. Coalition Forces, and Afghani patients to higher levels of treatment. Every assigned member was completely dedicated to moving patients from point A to point B in the same or better shape than when they received them. To us, nothing was more important than saving the lives of the Soldiers and Airmen who kept us safe during the night.

I am now fortunate to be stationed here as part of “Team Hickam,” and serving the exact same function for this community. During the last year, Det. 1, 18th AES has provided a transiting facility for civilian, active duty, dependents, and retiree patients traveling through Oahu. In addition, our doors have been opened to unit members and families so they

can welcome home casualties returning from the war on terrorism.

Even though our permanent staff is only five members, we are supplemented by more than 500 different transient Guard, Reserve, and active-duty AE personnel annually. Transiting members have moved more than 700 patients and family members throughout the Pacific region and have provided emergency response for casualties originating anywhere between Japan to Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Every member is dedicated to providing outstanding care in the air and on the ground.

Our unit officially became a detachment Oct. 15 2004 when we became part of the 18th AES, Kadena Air Base, Japan, and a tenant unit on Hickam.

Even though the sign on the front door has changed several times, the launch and recovery of AE missions by medical personnel on Hickam has been traced back to July 1950 when C-97 Stratofreighter’s brought casualties back from the Korean War. Since that time, medical personnel have been involved with missions such as the evacuation of casualties and POW’s from Vietnam, moving adoptees during Operation Babylift, and recovering casualties from the Mount Pinatubo eruption in 1991.

We are proud of this heritage and hope to serve the community with the same excellence in the years to come.

Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It’s your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community.

It also allows you to recognize individuals who go above and beyond in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here.

All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It’s only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility.

If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander’s Action Line a call.

If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I’ll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing.

The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Watering and lighting

**Comment:** I have some complaints that I would like to voice. The first thing is that residents in base housing are encouraged to save as much water as possible as far as exterior watering goes. Recommendations are before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. Many times as I drive around the base, base watering in public areas is being done during the hot hours of the day and when the sprinklers are on

regardless of nighttime or daytime watering, about 25 to 45 percent of all sprinklers are broken and thousands of gallons of water is wasted during the hours of watering.

The second complaint that I have concerns lighting at the base track, softball fields and also the lighting along the pathway that goes from the sewage treatment plant to the Sea Breeze. It does not make any sense to me that lights at the softball field stay on all night long, but the base track which needs to be utilized possibly at nighttime cannot be illuminated once the lights are automatically tuned off at 11 p.m. Also the jogging pathway along Kam housing and the beach lighting goes off at 10 p.m. and does not come on again until 5 a.m.

So from what I see, we can use the softball field all night long which never happens but, we cannot use the jogging pathway or the base track after 11 p.m. Can the jogging path lights be left on all night long? Can the base track lights be left on overnight or at least be able to be turned on at night time?

**Response:** Thank you for bringing this to my attention, conservation is everyone’s business. Our grounds maintenance contractor is encouraged to water during the early morning and evenings as much as possible. Areas that have automated irrigation systems are typically set to run between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. when our water usage is at its lowest.

Areas that are not automated are manually watered during the day, and are monitored as much as possible in order to minimize over watering.

Manual timers are used to control the amount of water flow. The contractor routinely performs operational checks on the system to locate and repair broken items, including sprinklers. I need your help, please call the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron Service Call Desk at 449-9951/52, anytime, seven days a week to report any broken sprinkler heads or excessive watering.

I appreciate your concern regarding the softball field lights being left on all night. The softball lights and all of the outdoor athletic facility lights are on timers which are set to turn off at 11 p.m. This policy is to help conserve energy. However, upon inspecting these facilities, it was discovered that the softball timer was not working properly and is the reason that the lights remained on all night. This has been fixed. We will look into keeping the lights on at the track later and compare its use to the energy cost. If you encounter any further problems with our athletic facilities, please do not hesitate to contact our Fitness Center Director, Doug Giannetti, at 448-4641.

The Fort Kam jogging pathway lights operate using batteries that are re-charged during the day with solar panels. The lights are only good for approximately six hours per charge, therefore the operational times have to be limited so we can provide light for our evening and early morning runners. If you have further concerns regarding this issue please call Creighton Lee at 449-1765. Once again, thank you for your concerns and for bringing these matters to my attention.

Hickam Diamond Tips



Female hair accessories and earring changes

Females may now wear plain black conservative hairpins, combs, headbands, elastic bands and barrettes with all hair colors. Females may now wear black spherical earrings while in uniform.

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Questions?  
Contact your first sergeant.

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- Life Skills Support Center  
449-0175
- Law Enforcement Desk  
449-6373
- Base Chaplain  
449-1754
- Military Family Abuse Shelter  
533-7125
- SARC Hotline  
449-7272



# Hickam Voices

What is your idea of a hero?



Someone that follows through with what they say they'll do and possesses great leadership. They are able to balance all the demands in life.

**Capt. John Schuliger**  
Pacific Air Forces



My dad just because of the guy that he was.

**Chief Master Sgt. Leo Heider**  
Hawaii Air National Guard



Selfless and puts others first. They look for ways to advance others and are willing to stand in the shadows to put others in the limelight. Also someone who is willing to sacrifice himself for the country.

**Senior Master Sgt. Kelly Mueller**  
Kenney Warfighting Headquarters



Someone that puts others before himself.

**Master Sgt. Bob Grenier**  
Hawaii Air National Guard



Anyone I look up to whether it is family, friends, or mentors.

**Tech. Sgt. Mary Rose McGhee**  
Pacific Air Forces



Someone who has a life-changing impact on your life.

**Staff Sgt. Jake Quimories**  
15th Civil Engineer Squadron



A model you could look up to. Someone that does what is best for everyone.

**Senior Airman Brandon Duenas**  
15th Comptroller Squadron



Someone who is willing to sacrifice his life for another for the better of humankind.

**Kent Palm**  
Pacific Air Forces

**Next week's question:**  
**July 29: Why do you give to the Combined Federal Campaign?**  
To respond to this question, send an email to [hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil](mailto:hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil) with a response and phone number to contact you.

# The last full measure

## A surgeon's story from Balad

By Col. Brett Wyrick  
154th Medical Group commander

**B**ALAD, Iraq – The first rule of war is young men and women die. The second rule of war is that surgeons cannot change the first rule. We had already done around a dozen surgical cases in the morning and the early afternoon. The entire medical staff had a professional meeting to discuss the business of the hospital and the care and treatment of burns.

It is not boastful or arrogant when I tell you that some of the best surgeons in the world were present – I have been to many institutions, and I have been all around the world, and at this point in time, with this level of experience, the best in the world are assembled here at Balad. As the meeting was breaking up, the call came in.

An American soldier had been injured in an improvised explosive device blast north of here, and he was in a bad way with head trauma. The specifics were fuzzy, but after three months here, what would need to be done was perfectly clear – the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group readied for battle.

All the surgeons started to gravitate toward the surgeons' ready room. The lab personnel checked precious units of blood, and the pharmacy made ready all the medications and drugs we would need for the upcoming fight.

An operating room was cleared, and surgical instruments were laid out, the anesthesia circuits were switched over, and the gasses were checked and rechecked. An anesthesiologist and two nurse anesthetists went over the plan of action as the OR supervisor made the personnel assignments.

In the ER, bags of IV fluids were carefully hung, battery packs were checked, and the ER nursing supervisor looked over the equipment to make sure all was in working order and the back-ups were ready just in case the primaries failed. The radiology techs moved forward in their lead gowns bringing their portable machines like artillery men of old wheeling their cannon into place. Respiratory therapy set the mechanical ventilator, and double-checked the oxygen. Gowns, gloves, boots, and masks were donned by those who would be directly in the battle.

All of the resources – medical, mechanical and technological that America can bring to the war – were in place and ready along with the best skill and talent from techs to surgeons. The two neurosurgeons gathered by themselves to plan.

The two neurosurgeons, Chris who was the surgeon on duty, and I, the back-up SOD, joined for the briefing.

The plan was for me and the ER folks to assess, treat and stabilize the patient as rapidly as possible to get the guy into the hands of the neurosurgeons. The intel was that this was an IED blast, and those rarely come with a single, isolated injury. It makes no sense to save the guy's brain if you have not saved the heart pump that brings the oxygenated blood to the brain. With this kind of trauma, you must be deliberate and methodical.

All was ready, and we did not have to wait very long. The approaching rotors of a Blackhawk were heard, and Chris and I moved forward to the ER followed by several sets of surgeons' eyes as we went.

They wheeled the soldier into the ER on a gurney shortly after the chopper touched down. One look at the PJs' faces told me the situation was grim. Their young faces were drawn and tight, and they moved with a sense of directed urgency. They did not even need to speak because the look in their eyes was pleading with us – hurry. And hurry we did.

In a flurry of activity that would seem like chaos to the uninitiated, many things happened simultaneously. Max and I received the patient as Chris watched over our shoulders to pick out anything that might be missed. An initial survey indicated a young soldier with a wound to the head, and several other obvious lacerations on the extremities.

Chris took the history from the PJs because the patient was not conscious. All the wounds were examined and the dressings were removed except for the one on the head.

**“ We honor them by finishing what they came to accomplish. We remember them by never quitting and having the backbone and the guts to never bend to the yoke of oppression. ”**

The patient was rolled on to his side while his neck was stabilized by my hands, and Max examined the backside from the toes to the head. When we rolled the patient back over, it was onto an X-ray plate that would allow us to take the chest X-Ray immediately. The first set of vitals revealed a low blood pressure; fluid would need to be given, and it appeared as though the peripheral vascular system was on the verge of collapse.

I called the move as experienced hands rolled him again for the final survey of the back and flanks and the X-Ray plate was removed and sent for development.

As we positioned him for the next part of the trauma examination, I noted that the hands that were laid on this young man were black, white, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian, Australian, Army, Air Force, Marine, man, woman, young and older: a true cross-section of our effort here in Iraq, but there was not much time to reflect.

The patient needed fluid resuscitation fast, and there were other things yet to be done. Chris watched the initial survey and the secondary survey with a situational awareness that comes from competence and experience.

With a steady, calm, and re-assuring voice, he directed the next steps to be taken. I moved down to the chest to start a central line, Max began an ultrasonic evaluation of the abdomen and pelvis. The X-rays and ultrasound examination were reviewed as I sewed the line in place, and it was clear to Chris that the young soldier's head was the only apparent life-threatening injury.

The two neurosurgeons came forward, and removed the gauze covering the soldier's wounded head, and everyone's heart sank as we saw the blossom of red blood spreading out from shredded white and grey matter of the brain.

Experience told all the surgeons present that there was no way to survive the injury, and this was one battle the medical group was going to lose. But he was American, and it was not time to quit, yet.

Gentle pressure was applied over the wound, and the patient went directly to the CT scanner as drugs and fluids were pumped into the line to keep his heart and lungs functioning in a fading hope to restore the brain. The time elapsed from his arrival in the ER to the time he was in the CT scanner was five minutes.

The CT scan confirmed what we had feared. The wounds to the brain were horrific and mortal, and there was no way on earth to replace the volume of tissue that had been blasted away by the explosion. The neurosurgeons looked at the scan, they looked at the scan a second time, and then they re-examined the patient to confirm once again.

The OR crew waited anxiously outside the doors of radiology in the hope they would be utilized, but Chris and the crew all agreed.

There was no brain activity whatsoever. The chaplain came to pray, and reluctantly, the vent was turned from full mechanical ventilation to flow by. He had no hint of respiratory activity, his heart that had beat so strongly early in the day ceased to beat forever, and he was pronounced dead.

The pumps were turned off; the machines were stopped, and the IVs were discontinued. Respectful quiet remained, and it was time to get ready for the next round of casualties. The techs and nurses gently moved the body over to the back of the ER to await mortuary services. And everyone agreed there was nothing more we could have done.

When it was quiet, there was time to really look at the young soldier and see him as he was: young, probably in his late teens, with not an ounce of fat anywhere. His muscles were powerful and well defined, and in death, his face was pleasant and calm.

I am always surprised that anyone still has tears to shed here at Balad, but thank God they still do.

The nurses and techs continued to care for him and do what they could. Not all the tubes and catheters can be removed because there is always a forensic investigation to be done at Dover Air Force Base, but the nurses took out the lines they could. Fresh bandages were placed over the wounds, and the blood clots were washed from his hair as his wound was covered once more. His hands and feet were washed with care. A broken toenail was trimmed, and he was silently placed in the body bag when mortuary services arrived as gently as if they were tucking him into bed.

Later that night was Patriot Detail – our last goodbye for an American hero. All the volunteers gathered at base operations after midnight under a three-quarter moon that was partially hidden by high, thin clouds. There was only silence as the chief master sergeant gave the detail its instructions. Soldiers, Airmen, and Marines, colonels, privates and sergeants, pilots, gunners, mechanics, surgeons and clerks all marched out side-by-side to the back of the waiting transport, and presently, the flag-draped coffin was carried through the cordon as military salutes were rendered.

The detail marched back from the flight line, and slowly the doors of the big transport were secured. The chaplain offered prayers for anyone who wanted to participate, and then the group broke up as the people started to move away into the darkness. The big engines on the transport fired up, and the ground rumbled for miles as they took to the runway.

His duty was done – he had given the last full measure, and he was on his way home.

The first rule of war is young men and women die. The second rule of war is surgeons cannot change the first rule. I think the third rule of war should be those who have given their all for our freedom are never forgotten, and they are always honored.

I wish there was not a war, and I wish our young people did not have to fight and die. But I cannot wish away evil men like Bin Laden and al-Zarqawi. These men are not wayward children who have gone astray; they are not great men who are simply misunderstood.

These are cold-blooded killers and they will kill you, me, and everyone we love and hold dear if we do not kill them first.

You cannot reason with these people, you cannot negotiate with these people, and this war will not be over until they are dead. That is the ugly, awful, and brutal truth.

I wish the situation was different, but it is not. Americans have two choices. They can run from the threat, deny it exists, candy-coat it, debate it, and hope it goes away. And then, Americans will be fair game around the world and slaughtered by the thousands for the sheep they have become.

Our second choice is to crush these evil men where they live and for us to have the political will and courage to finish what we came over here to do.

The last thing we need here in Iraq is an exit strategy or some timetable for withdrawal. Thank God there was no timetable for withdrawal after the Battle of the Bulge or Iwo Jima. Thank God there was no exit strategy at Valley Forge.

Freedom is not easy, and it comes with a terrible price – I saw the bill here yesterday.

The third rule of war should be that we never forget the sacrifices made by our young men and women, and we always honor them. We honor them by finishing what they came to accomplish. We remember them by never quitting and having the backbone and the guts to never bend to the yoke of oppression.

We honor them and remember them by having the courage to live free.



# Service demographics offer snapshot of force

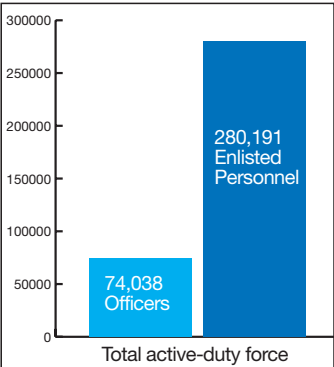
**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – The Air Force Personnel Center here recently published its quarterly demographics report offering a snapshot of the service's active-duty and civilian force, as of June 30. More information can be found at the center's analysis branch website: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/demographics/>.

(Statistics rounded to the nearest tenth.)

### Active-Duty Demographics

Snapshot of Air Force

- 354,229 individuals are on active duty
- 74,038 officers and 280,191 enlisted personnel
- The Air Force has 13,714 pilots, 4,619 navigators, 1,335 air battle managers and



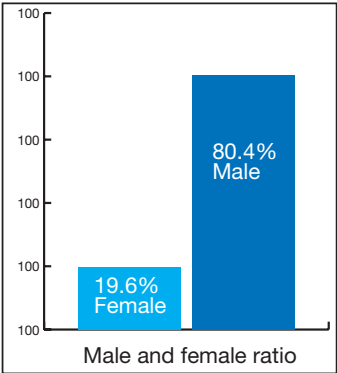
37,336 non-rated line officers in the grades of lieutenant colonel and below

### Age

- The average age of the officer force is 35; for the enlisted force it's 29
- Of the force, 39.4 percent are below the age of 26
- 46 percent of enlisted are below 26 versus 14.1 percent of officers

### Sex

- 19.6 percent of the force are women
- 18.3 percent of the officers are women and 19.9 percent of the enlisted corps are women
- 61.1 percent of the female officers are line officers; 39.9 percent are non-line
- 85.4 percent of the male officers are line officers; 14.6 percent are non-line
- The population of women is 69,350
- Women first began entering pilot training



in 1976, fighter pilot training in July 1993 and navigator training in 1977

- Currently there are 577 (4.2 percent) female pilots and 212 (4.6 percent) female navigators

### Race of Airmen

The following percentages cover self-reported Air Force military members' racial information.

- .5 percent – American Indian or Alaska Native
- 2.1 percent – Asian
- 15.1 percent – Black or African American
- .6 percent – Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- 74.8 percent – White
- 1.2 percent – more than one of the categories
- 5.7 percent declined to report their race

### Ethnicity of Airmen

"Hispanic or Latino" is now considered an ethnic, not a racial, category that is registered separately and in addition to the above racial categories.

- 8 percent of airmen call themselves "Hispanic/Latino"
- 89.3 percent "not Hispanic/Latino"
- 2.6 percent declined to respond

### Marital Status

- 60.6 percent of the current force is married
- 70.7 percent of the officers are married and 57.9 percent of the enlisted
- There are 20,461 couples in the Air Force with both spouses in the military
- 1,436 of these are married to members of other military services

### Family Members

- Active duty members supported 542,044 family members
- 439,602 are family-members-in-house-

hold

### Overseas

- 21.6 percent of the current force is assigned overseas (including Alaska and Hawaii)

### Total Active Federal Military Service

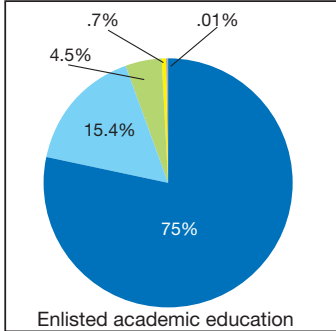
- The average total active federal military service is 11 years for officers and 9 years for enlisted

### Academic Education

- 48 percent of the officers have advanced or professional degrees
- 38.7 percent have master's degrees, 7.9 percent have professional degrees and 1.4 percent have doctorate degrees
- 21.5 percent of company grade officers have advanced degrees; 16.2 percent have master's degrees, 4.9 percent have professional degrees and .4 percent have doctorate degrees
- 86.6 percent of field grade officers have advanced degrees; 71.5 percent have master's degrees, 12.4 percent have professional degrees and 2.8 percent have doctorate degrees
- 99.9 percent of the enlisted force have at least a high school education
- 75 percent have some semester hours towards a college degree
- 15.4 percent have an associate's degree or equivalent semester hours
- 4.5 percent have a bachelor's degree
- .7 percent have a master's degree
- .01 percent have a professional or doctorate degree

### Developmental Education

- 56.5 percent of the officers have complet-



ed one or more PME or developmental education course either in residence or by correspondence.

- 8,570 have completed at least one Senior

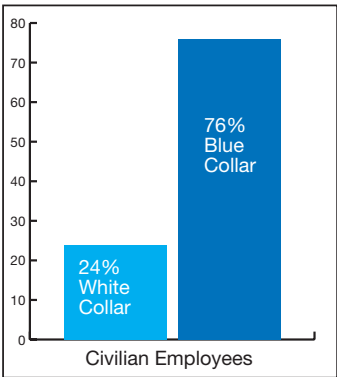
Service School or senior developmental education course, 15,729 have completed an intermediate level course while 17,520 have completed Squadron Officer School.

### Source of Commission

- 19.5 percent of the officers were commissioned through the Air Force Academy, 41.9 percent through Reserve Officer Training Corps and 21.9 percent through Officer Training School.
- The remaining 16.7 percent were commissioned from other sources (direct appointment, etc.).

### Civilian Employee Demographics

Total Civilian Strength



- There are 145,271 civilian employees
- 76 percent are "white collar" and 24 percent are "blue collar"

### Citizenship

- 135,945 are U.S. citizens including U.S. nationals (9,812 are Air Force Reserve Technicians)
- 9,322 are foreign national employees
- 4 are other non-U.S. employees in the U.S. or a U.S. territory

### Gender

- 34.8 percent are female and 65.2 percent are male

### Race/Ethnic Group

The following percentages cover self-reported Air Force civilian employees' racial/ethnic information. Civilian Air Force employees continue to report using previous categories.

- 70.9 percent are Caucasian
- 11.4 percent are African American
- 7.2 percent are Hispanic
- 6 percent are another minority
- 4.5 percent are not reported

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as spotting suspects attempting to flee," said Colonel Cole.

The mission of the Wolfhound Fury was successful in capturing seven insurgent targets and ending the threat of a sniper responsible for three coalition losses.

"Captain Crawford and Airman Buonano were instrumental in the effectiveness of the 2nd Brigade Headquarters, which oversaw Wolfhound Fury," said Colonel Cole. "Their efforts were invaluable in coordinating the use of Predator video feed for command and control while adding crucial situation reports through their own radio networks."

Airman Franda was distinguished as the Airman of the Month for November 2004. He replaced an injured terminal air controller working with the 1st Infantry Division during Operation Al Fajr during the assault on Fallujah in November. This was the primary operation prior to the election in Iraq.

"His technical expertise and situational awareness allowed him to quickly integrate with an unfamiliar staff and become an integral part of the fight," said Colonel Cole.

He controlled the release of three 500-pound bombs, which destroyed an insurgent sniper post and defensive positions.

"The battalion commander personally thanked him for getting the sniper who killed one of his company commanders," said the colonel.

He also coordinated and directed a strike, which collapsed an underground shelter, killing at least 25 insurgents. He also worked with an AC-130 Gunship searching for and eliminating 12 emplaced insurgents.

"All the hard work and training we do paid off in Iraq," said Airman Franda. "Working in the field daily with our Army counterparts was a great experience and we showed them we could put bombs on target when they needed us. Each mission we went on was a little different and always exciting."



Courtesy photo

## Building confidence

Capt. Richard Yenke, 624th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, navigates his way up a rope net during a confidence course at the International Junior Officer Leadership Development Seminar held July 2-8 at Woensdrecht Air Force Base, Netherlands. IJOLDS is a yearly seminar open to reserve junior officers with the rank of captain or below. The objective of the program is to develop and broaden leadership skills of the participants.

# Crime Scene



### Shoplifting

A military family member was detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Value of item: \$188

A military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. Value of item: \$15

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### Traffic warrant

A mobile patrolman conducted a traffic stop for speeding. The patrolman ran a check on the suspect and found active warrants totaling \$750. Honolulu Police officials responded and took custody of the man.

### Vandalism

A civil employee telephoned requesting immediate security forces assistance. The employee reported the restrooms at the Sea Breeze being spray painted.

### Four vehicle accident

Alcohol was the major contributor in a four vehicle accident in the dormitory area. The suspect was charged and released to his first sergeant.

### Domestic disturbance

An active-duty Air Force member reported being verbally assaulted by his civilian spouse. Patrolmen arrived on scene and determined both members assaulted each other. The first sergeant was notified and responded.

### Damage to private property

An active-duty Air Force member notified security forces about his privately owned vehicle being damaged.

### Damage to government property

An active-duty Air Force member notified security forces about a fist-size hole in the dormitory wall during an inspection. Estimated repair cost: \$200

# DOD begins new language proficiency test

By Donna Miles  
American Forces  
Press Service

WASHINGTON – A new language test scheduled to roll out in October will better measure language fluency in real-world situations, the Defense Department's senior language official said July 13.

The new test is the fifth generation of the Defense Language Proficiency Test, a battery of tests used to assess native English speakers' reading and listening skills in a wide range of foreign languages, said Gail H. McGinn, deputy undersecretary of defense for plans.

The so-called "DLPT 5" test will be more challenging than previous language tests, Ms. McGinn said, with longer passages and, in some cases, more

than one question for each passage. The test will be computer-based, making it more secure and efficient to administer. And unlike past tests that Ms. McGinn described as "scripted," the new test will rely more on actual newspapers, magazine articles and radio broadcasts.

"We want a test that measures as accurately as possible one's ability to operate in the real world," Ms. McGinn said.

Toward that end, the new language proficiency test will better measure each tester's skills in selected languages, at levels ranging from a low of zero-plus to a high of four on the Interagency Language Roundtable scale. Five is the highest level on the scale.

The new test will become "the benchmark" for DOD to assess who in the force has language

skills and how proficient they are. By better measuring language skills, the new test will allow DOD officials to identify and reward those with the highest proficiency levels, Ms. McGinn said.

Test scores are part of the formula for determining language proficiency pay for language professionals and servicemembers with specific language skills. Congress recently authorized increasing the cap on language proficiency pay from \$300 to \$1,000, but Ms. McGinn said that not all language professionals will receive the full amount.

The new test and higher language proficiency pay are keys to the Defense Language Transformation Roadmap, a major initiative to develop foreign language and cultural expertise among its military and civilian members.

The initiative aims to increase language and cultural expertise within the ranks and to establish a cadre of language specialists with advanced proficiency levels.

The world situation demands that the Defense Department maintains solid language and cultural capabilities so it is prepared to carry out its missions worldwide -- from humanitarian and reconstruction efforts to combat operations, Ms. McGinn said.

"We are building alliances, we are engaged in operations in the Middle East, we are engaged in the war on terror, (and) we need to understand and interact with the people around us," she said.

The rollout schedule for the new test begins in October for Albanian, Persian-Dari, Hindi, Pashto, Norwegian and Urdu. DLPT-5 tests for Russian and Iraqi are scheduled to debut in

December, and early 2006 rollouts are planned for Chinese Mandarin, Spanish and Korean.

New tests are also under development for a variety of other languages, including Egyptian, Levantine, Modern Standard Arabic, Persian-Farsi, Greek, Kurdish-Sorani, Turkish, Serbian-Croatian and Japanese. Ultimately, the DLPT-5 could cover as many as 31 languages.

Ms. McGinn urged test takers to begin their homework now using authentic materials available on the Internet and in other sources, and encouraged supervisors to re-enforce the need to prepare.

The Defense Language Institute has developed an Internet site and Global Language Support System with materials and exercises to help test takers prepare.



# Tripler transitions to electronic health records system

## Hawaii's Army medical facilities begin phasing in CHCS II

**Story and photo by Les Ozawa**  
Tripler Army Medical Center  
Public Affairs Office

Since mid-May, Tripler Army Medical Center's healthcare providers have been among the first in Hawaii to transition to the Department of Defense's new Composite Health Care System II. The Pacific region follows the continental United States and Europe in phasing in this new, global electronic health record system that will eventually replace the original CHCS which has been used since the early 1990s.

Tripler's Family Medicine Clinic, which sees more than 700 patients a week, was one of the first Tripler clinics to transition to the new system. All Tripler outpatient clinics are expected to be using CHCS II by the end of 2005.

"I started training on CHCS II May 17," said Maj. (Dr.) Thomas Hustead, chief of the Family Medicine Clinic. As one of the clinic's designated "super users," Major Hustead, along with a nurse and a clerk, completed a full week of clinical systems training.

The three now oversee the use of CHCS II by the clinic's 50 other staff members. As users, the three also help the rest of the staff use CHCS II after they complete their half-day or one-day classroom training.

Major Hustead found the software itself wasn't difficult to learn. "In the classroom, you think, 'That's not too bad.' But when you actually have to

do it yourself, to push buttons and click things yourself, you find it takes time to work your way through the different issues."

The CHCS II implementation team had anticipated that healthcare providers would need additional time when first using the software. Clinic appointment times were scaled back, so that when clinic staffers resumed their work at their clinics, they were allotted more time per patient. A return to pre-CHCS II clinic times may take four to eight weeks, depending on the clinic.

Tripler's CHCS II implementation team is also stationing Unysis CHCS II contract personnel in the hallways of clinics during their initial implementation phase. Clinic staff can quickly call on them, to help them click through various menus and sub-menus of the Windows-based software. Unlike the first CHCS, which was designed around a text-based program, CHCS II allows users to use a computer mouse to open, drag, and close multiple windows of health information on their computer.

"The process is going really well," Major Hustead said. "The expectation is in six to eight weeks, a provider will be able to get back to a 20-minute appointment schedule." Having started initially with 60-minute appointments, Major Hustead has worked his way down to 30-minute appointments.

The ultimate goal is to have the encounter documented in the computer before the patient leaves the



**Rebecca Nielson reassures her 13-month old son, Van, while Maj. (Dr.) Thomas Hustead, chief of Tripler Army Medical Center's Family Medicine Clinic, listens to his breathing during a routine examination.**

clinic," said Hustead. He concedes that may be a challenge. It takes time to examine and talk to a patient, to diagnose various health problems, as well as to advise the patient what to do. To also document that encounter into CHCS II, as well as order lab tests and prescriptions, set up an assessment plan, and chart the patient's progress may take more than 20 minutes.

Major Hustead noted, however, the CHCS II software has certain features that will make it easier for healthcare providers to review and enter health information on patients they have seen several times. "If I'm seeing a patient for diabetes, high cholesterol

or high blood pressure, I can write all that stuff in the notes. The next time he comes in, I can copy that note and change whatever I need to, since the last time I've seen him."

Like many doctors, Major Hustead used to handwrite all of his patient notes. "That's another huge advantage of CHCS II," he said. "Now you have to type it in, and there is no question what was written and how it was documented."

Major Hustead found a big difference between CHCS I and CHCS II. CHCS I is used mostly to document orders to the pharmacy and the laboratories, with some information on what other doctors were consulted for

a patient's problems.

"The biggest thing with CHCS II is, not only can you can track everything you did in CHCS I, you can also write your notes in it as well," said the physician. "It also actually codes the notes. In the past, we would have to write our notes and go back and physically code the notes."

Coding, while not familiar to most patients, is an important part of how Tripler is reimbursed for certain healthcare services it provides. A patient's visit to a doctor can be broken down into various healthcare services and procedures. Each service a doctor or healthcare staff performs must be properly documented, so it can be assigned the appropriate service code. Insurance companies use these codes to pay doctors and clinics for their services.

Major Hustead, an eight-year veteran of the Army healthcare system, recognizes that it will take time for the 3,000 Tripler staff to become experts in using the system. But he is optimistic about the future.

"I'm pro-CHCS II," said Major Hustead. "I think in a year, we'll say, 'I don't know how we did without it. Look what it's doing for us.'"

"What I like most about CHCS II is when a patient comes in, I've got his chart," he said. "I won't have to worry about patient charts being held in different clinics, or because my patient saw a different provider a week ago, his chart hasn't been turned back in yet. That's the biggest benefit for the patient, as well as the provider."



Editor's Note: To read the complete stories and find more Air Force News, go to [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

## Ramstein planes, Airmen depart for Darfur mission

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFP)** – Three C-130 Hercules from the 86th Airlift Wing and about 40 Airmen here left July 16 for Kigali, Rwanda, to begin a month-long airlift mission to the Darfur region of Sudan.

The mission is part of NATO's response to support the African Union's expanded peacekeeping mission in Darfur with logistics and training, officials said.

About 150 Airmen from here and Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, with additional strategic support from U.S. Transportation Command, will rotate about 1,200 Rwandan troops from Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, to Al-Fashir, Sudan.

The U.S. airlift is part of the larger multinational effort to improve security and create conditions in which humanitarian assistance can be more effectively provided to the people of Darfur. The Darfur region has been a scene of conflict mainly between the Janjaweed, a government-supported militia recruited from local Arab tribes, and the non-Arab people of the region.

NATO Secretary Gen.

Jaap de Hoop Scheffer announced June 9 that the alliance would help the African Union expand its peacekeeping force in Darfur from 3,300 to about 7,700.

## Guard supports families through deployment hardships

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** – Families of deployed guardsmen and reservists face challenges beyond those of active-duty families, and a strong family support network stands behind them to help through those difficult days, the National Guard Bureau chief said.

"The challenges are considerable," said Army Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum.

For one thing, Guard and Reserve call-ups extend considerably beyond the Army's standard one-year deployment cycles, General Blum said.

"One year of boots on the ground is not one year for a National Guard Soldier," he said. "It's about 18 to 22 months of total mobilization time."

That translates to time on active-duty away from families in an intensive training mode.

"You're basically putting your life on hold for at least a year and a half," General Blum said.

That is no small sacrifice for the affected troops or the families they leave



Photo by Master Sgt. Al Gerloff

## Ravens on Guard

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – Senior Airman Anthony Trivarelli guards a C-130 Hercules and crew after arriving at a forward-deployed location. Ravens are a flyaway security forces team that protects aircraft and aircrews while airborne and on the ground. Airman Trivarelli is assigned to the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and is deployed from Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

behind, he said. *(Story by Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service)*

## Airman receives support – lots of it – through letters

**SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFP)** – Servicemembers with the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing at a forward-deployed location here are not strangers to receiving

letters, mementos and care packages from families, friends and loved ones.

However, one sergeant assigned to the 386th Expeditionary Medical Group receives enough mail to keep a fully staffed post office gainfully employed.

Tech. Sgt. Michelle Smith's bioenvironmental engineering office has been inundated with more than 400 letters.

"In June, we received a large box containing more than 200 support letters and

care packages from various campaigns and supporters," said Sergeant Smith, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the bioenvironmental engineering office.

Sergeant Smith said the abundance of support mail began when she signed up a few of her co-workers to receive care packages from the Operation Gratitude Campaign, a nonprofit all-volunteer corporation funded by private donations. *(Story by Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz, 386th Air Expedi-*

*tionary Wing Public Affairs)*

## Deployed Airmen give tours to Iraqi historical landmark

**ALI BASE, Iraq (AFP)** – Most 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron Airmen here are used to interacting with customers over a counter.

However, two services Airmen here are expanding the customer service concept by leaving the confines of the base three times a week.

The Airmen act as both tour guide and body guard, escorting people to the Ziggurat of Ur, a historical temple tower built here more than 4,000 years ago by worshippers of the Sumerian moon god, Nanna.

"The tours allow each visitor the chance to forget work and step back into time," said Tech. Sgt. Mike Radke, the 407th ESVS director of marketing and publicity and a tour guide for the unique service. "Walking inside the city of Ur is a highlight of my Air Force career. This is one of the only places on earth that allows me the opportunity to see, touch and listen to a guided tour (from an Iraqi caretaker) containing more than 4,000 years of history in one location." *(Story by Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips, 407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs)*

# Continue being safety minded this summer

By Richard Anderson  
15th Airlift Wing Safety

As we approach the midway point of the “101 Days of Summer”, now is the time to reflect and for a refresher look on “Memory Joggers” to make the second half of the summer more enjoyable and safe.

People need to be aware of the ABCs of surviving the 101 days without injury:

- Possess a positive **Attitude** about safety.
- Be aware of acceptable **Behavior** expectations.

- Follow strict **Compliance** with existing laws, directives and use common sense.

Vehicle safety is vital. Alcohol and night-time are killers:

- The Air Force experienced 32 fatalities during the 2004 “101 Days of Summer.”
- Twelve of the fatalities involved alcohol, nighttime, speed or no seat belts and sometimes all of these factors.
- The Pacific Air Forces experienced three fatalities last year.

Off-duty recreational activities are where most Air Force members experience mishaps.

- Supervisors should know if their people are participating in extremely hazardous activities and ensure proper training has been accomplished.
- Surfing, scuba diving, swimming, boating and even suntanning (sunburns) are some of the activities that should be addressed.

- Bodysurfing or boogie boarding is where the highest potential for neck injuries occur. School is out and children are around base.
- Children will be more active at playgrounds, on the streets and riding bicycles at all times of the day.
- Parents must ensure they know the whereabouts of their youngsters during this increased period of free time. Vehicle accidents traditionally increase during the summer.

- Hickam Harbor and Beach will be extremely congested so people should be patient and cautious while driving through parking areas and especially be on the lookout for small children.

- The base exchange and commissary area is no different. People can reduce the chances of a mishap in this congested area by being alert and watching for small children and pedestrians.

- 15th Airlift Wing Instruction 31-204 prohibits the use of skateboards, roller skates, roller blades and similar devices from any roadway, sidewalks, parking lots and driveways except in established areas. People can use the Singapore Hangar, bicycle paths and public parks for these types of activities.

All of Team Hickam can help keep the “101 Critical Days of Summer” incident free by looking out for themselves, their loved ones and their fellow Sky Warriors.

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gy on Hickam or anywhere.

“Easy actions such as turning off lights and air conditioning in the work place when not in use during nights and weekends, keeping filters and coils clean, using cool water for laundry, eliminating other forms of waste including turning off exterior lights during the day and complying with base thermostat policies should be standard,” according to a letter from Col. Timothy Byers, Pacific Air Forces Civil Engineering.

This year PACAF has estimated a two percent budget shortfall for the 15th Airlift Wing's utility budget.

“This means the wing will have to use monies budgeted for other than utilities to make up for the shortfall,” said Mr. Stiner.

Although Hickam residents do not pay a utility bill each month, it is still their responsibility to conserve energy and water.

PACAF offers some energy saving tips:

- Instead of using a screen-saver, people should program their computers to go into sleep mode when not in use. Also, be sure to turn off all televisions, computers, stereos and other electronics when not in use.
- For cooling systems, residents should set their thermostat at 78 degrees or higher when at home and 85 degrees when not at home. Also provide shading for air conditioning condensers.
- Don't preheat the oven and cook complete meals of several dishes simultaneously in

the oven.

- Cook on rangetop burners when practical instead of in the oven.
- Use a microwave for reheating and cooking small quantities of food if possible.
- Turn off lights whenever they are not needed, even for one second. This applies to fluorescent lighting as well.
- Operate the dishwasher with only full loads. If the manufacturer's instructions permit, open the door of the dishwasher at the end of the last rinse cycle instead of using the drying cycle.

“I want to thank everyone for their efforts in conserving our valuable energy and water resources,” Mr. Stiner said. “Conservation will become increasingly important and more effort will be required.”

How people use energy in the home

Category	Percentage
Heating and cooling	44%
Water heating	14%
Lighting, cooking, and other appliances	33%
Refrigerator	9%

### Tips on how to conserve energy in the home

Old refrigerators are energy hogs. People can save money by replacing refrigerators more than 15 years old, even if they still work.

Heating and cooling systems use less energy when they are properly maintained. Old, inefficient furnaces should be upgraded.

Less heat will escape from a water heater if people reduce their hot water temperature and add an insulating blanket.

Compact fluorescent light bulbs are a simple and cost-effective way to cut the energy used for lighting.

*Information courtesy of the U.S. Department of Energy*





### **Volunteer youth coaches needed**

Youth sports has a need for coaches in the youth softball and baseball programs in all age categories. "Volunteers are critical to the success of these programs," said Master Sgt. Ricky Woods, NCOIC of Fitness and Sports Center operations. Interested volunteers should contact B.J. Bentley at the youth sports office at 448-4492 or 448-6611.

### **Missoula Theater Try-Outs**

The annual Missoula Theater Performing Arts Studio will be at Hickam from July 25 to 30 for their summer play. Children in kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to participate in the open audition. Rehearsals will start immediately after the cast is selected. This year's performance is "Hansel and Gretel." Open audition will be Monday. The performance is scheduled for July 30. Call the community center at 449-2361 for details.

### **Free summer bowling for Hickam youth**

Hickam youth ages 5 to 18 can bowl free just for submitting an essay or drawing on the subject "Say no to drugs, say yes to bowling." Participants will receive a free Youth Summer Special Pass which is valid through Sept. 16. The pass is valid for three games.

Call the bowling center at 449-2702 for more details.

### **Enlisted Club hosts 2nd Anniversary Party**

Enjoy daily specials for the second anniversary of the Hickam Enlisted Club from through Sunday. Club members receive an additional \$1 off the lunch buffet (Wed.-Fri.). During the social hour, free pupus will be available to club members (Mon.-Fri.) and members ordering meals at JR.Rockers will receive free sodas (Mon.-Thu.). Call the club at 449-1292 for more information.

### **Call to Crafters! Auto Enthusiasts!**

Registration is now open at the arts and crafts center and the auto hobby center for the Second Annual Summer Craft Fair and Car Show. Crafters may reserve a booth at the fair at the A&C Center while car enthusiasts wishing to enter the car show competition may do so at the auto center. Civilian crafters without base access must register by mail. Applications are available by calling Natalie at 449-1568, a ext. 101 or email Natalie. keaney@hickam.af.mil.

Car show categories include stock, modified, best interior, best paint and best engine compartment. Prizes will be awarded. Open to all with military base access and cost is only \$5 to register. The events will take place August 6 at the arts and crafts center on Kuntz Ave. Registration deadline is one day before the event. Call 449-1568 for additional details.

### **Snorkel at Hickam Harbor with outdoor recreation**

Come explore the underwater beauty of the Hickam Harbor. Be transported by boat to the Hickam Harbor reef area. Snorkel the coves and reefs right here on base. Participants must be able to swim and should bring snorkel gear. Gear can also be rented at outdoor recreation equipment issue on Kuntz Ave. across from the arts and crafts center for \$10 per set. Call 449-5215 to sign up.

### **Party at the Puka**

"The Puka Party" featuring the Party Animal "DJ Randy L" will be July 30 at the 10th Puka Lounge. The party starts at 8:30 p.m. and will become a regular feature of the 10th Puka Sports Lounge on the last Saturday of each month. Come dance and listen to rock and party hits from the 80's and 90's. There will be drink specials, games, prizes and maybe even a surprise guest or two. Call 449-1594 for details.

### **Birthday Bowling Parties available**

Looking for a fun way to celebrate a child's birthday? Call the Hickam Bowling Center for a party a child will always remember. Party packages for children 12 and under are available for \$7.50 per child. The package includes two games of bowling, free shoe rental, one hot dog and one bag of chips, or two mini-cheese pizzas or two mini-pepperoni pizzas per person. Call the center at 449-2702 for reservations.

### **Discover the Hawaiian Islands with ITT**

Let the Information, Tickets and Travel office help people discover the pristine beauty of the Hawaiian Islands at rock bottom prices. Choose between

one day tours to the Big Island of Hawaii, Kauai or Maui from \$230 per person. People looking for a longer stay can create a tour package of their very own. Air/room/car packages from \$483 for

two persons. This is a great way to travel between the Hawaiian Islands. ITT has packages to suit any budget and can provide any combination of services. Call 449-2230 for more details.



**Who will be America's next country music super star?**

**24th Annual Colgate COUNTRY SHOWDOWN**

**OAHU FINALISTS WILL BE PERFORMING ON**

**Sat., July 30, Enlisted Club at 7 p.m.**  
(Doors open at 6)

**AND**

**Sun., July 31, Officers Club at 6 p.m.**  
(Doors open at 5)

**ARE YOU THE NEXT COUNTRY MUSIC SUPER STAR?**  
Submit your "demo" CD or tape to KHCM, 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 109, Honolulu, HI 96817. Deadline is July 22. All ages welcome. Contact Jarvalen Silva at 441-2720 for details or go to [www.colgatecountryshowdown.com](http://www.colgatecountryshowdown.com).

*Sara Evans presents 2004 winner Shelley Heather with the grand prize.*



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Criminal investigations 449-0117  
Counterintelligence 449-0153

**Air War College** – The Air War College nonresident program is soliciting eligible officers and federal employees for its seminar program. Interested people should enroll online at <http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au.awc/awc-ns.htm>. For more information, contact the education office at 449-0920.

**MPF shortages** – Due to increased mission requirements, including Security Forces augmentation and mandatory personnel contingency training, the military personnel flight will be operating at minimum manning levels for the month of July. Expect delays in service. Additionally, customers requiring ID cards will be prioritized in the following order:

1. AF Active Duty
2. AF Civil Service
3. AF Contractors
4. AF Dependents/ Retirees
5. AFR/ANG
6. AD mbrs from other services stationed at Hickam
7. All others

There are additional sites where ID cards can be obtained on island. Military members and their family members in need of ID card services may contact one of the following issuing facilities located on island: 154th Wing Hawaii ANG 448-7434; 9th Regional Support Command, Honolulu 438-1600; Ft. Shafter 438-1757 or 433-9166; Camp Smith 477-8376; MCB Hawaii (Kaneohe Bay) 257-8861; NCTAMS Pacific, Wahiawa 653-0053; Schofield Barracks 655-3335 or 655-4104; Pearl Harbor 471-2405 or 474-9140; USCG ISC Honolulu 541-3202.

**Chief’s Group** – The Chief’s Group of Hawaii monthly meeting is July 29 at 7:30 a.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club Ballroom. For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Paul Lewis at 449-4516 or Chief Master Sgt. Edy Agee at 449-7776.

**Dorm managers wanted** – Hickam is looking for highly motivated NCOs in the grade of staff sergeant or above who are interested in being considered for dorm manager positions at Hickam. Applicants must have or be able to acquire two years retainability to apply. The positions are both challenging and rewarding. Leadership is a must, since these positions are in day-to-day contact with the Airmen assigned to the dorms. Packages should include the individual’s last five performance reports, three letters of recommendation and a resume. For more information, contact Dot Canfield at 448-2007.

JASMINE, From A1

to in the future.

The autograph signing was put together by Aloha Music International, Jasmine's record company, and the BX.

Fans began lining up at 4 p.m. with pictures, hats, CD's, and other memorabilia for Jasmine to sign. The autograph signing began at 5 p.m. and was supposed to last only an hour. However, Jasmine ended up staying until 8 p.m.

"She said she's staying for every autograph," Maxine Suivaaia, a BX employee, said.

At the end of the night, Jasmine was able to sell approximately 400 copies

of her CD.

Aaron Kimura, Vice President of Aloha Music International, said that Hickam Air Force Base BX, "was the biggest turnout of the today."

Mr. Patmon and all the BX workers were amazed at all the fans that had shown up.

"I didn't expect this many people. I thought there would only be a couple hundred," Mr. Patmon said.

Jasmine was appreciative of the turnout as well.

"My fans are great. They're very loyal and dedicated," she said. "It was great to see them buying my CD."

“We hope to do something like this once a month.”

Mike Patmon  
BX sales manager